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SUBJECT: IAEA 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: FINAL PLENARY SESSION

9/20 (AFTERNOON)

1. GENERAL DEBATE: GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED 9/20 FOLLOWING LUNCHEON RECESS WITH STATEMENTS BY REPS OF SPAIN, CHILE, PORTUGAL AND CANADA.

(A) SPANISH DELEGATE (OLIVARES) SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ON SPAIN'S EXPANDING NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM, PRAISED WORK OF AGENCY IN FIELD OF REACTOR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BUT CRITICISED SECRETARIAT FOR ATTEMPTING SOLVE CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITH MEMBER STATES ON "UNILATERAL BASIS." (COMMENT: CRITICISM OF SECRETARIAT GROWS OUT OF PROCEDURAL MUDDLE INVOLVING CONTRACT EXTENSION OF SPAIN'S HIGHEST-RANKING MEMBER OF SECRETARIAT, EMILIO LOPEZ-MENCHERO, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENT. END COMMENT.)

(B) CHILEAN DELEGATE (VALDES) CALLED FOR INCREASE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SHARE OF BUDGET AND, IN CLOSING, ANNOUNCED THAT CHILE WOULD SOON RATIFY TREAT OF TLAHELCO.

(C) STATING THAT APRIL REVOLUTION WILL RESULT IN GREATER
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ACTIVITY BY PORTUGAL IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PORTUGUESE

REP (CASTILHO) PLEDGED HIS COUNTRY'S CONTRIBUTION TO WORK OF AGENCY TO FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT.

(D) CANADIAN DELEGATE (BEESLEY) CLOSED GENERAL DEBATE WITH POINT BY POINT ENDORSEMENT OF DG SPEECH OF 9/16, SPECIFICALLY WITH REFERENCE TO AGENCY'S WORK ON REACTOR SAFETY, RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL AND PHYSICAL SECURITY. TURNING TO NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE, BEESLEY AGREED WITH DG THAT THE CAUSE OF NON-PROLIFERATION HAD SUFFERED MAJOR SETBACK BY EXPLOSION OF INDIAN DEVICE IN MAY. CANADA'S VIEW ON PROLIFERATION, HE SAID, DIFFERED FUNDAMENTALLY FROM INDIA'S. CANADA IS OPPOSED TO ANY PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ANNOUNCED INTENT. HE ADDED THAT ADHERENCE TO NPT MOST IMPORTANT WAY OF PREVENTING PROLIFERATION AND THAT WHILE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS SHOULD MOVE AHEAD ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VI OF TREATY, NNWS NOT RELIEVED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN PREVENTING SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES.

2. REMAINDER FINAL SESSION TAKEN UP WITH ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS (SEPTEL) AND WITH ROUTINE ADOPTION BY PLENARY OF REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM, TECHNICAL AND BUDGET COMMITTEE. TAPE

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